

embodiments, the transmission line and split ring resonator antenna may have other impedance values, or a different resonating frequency.

[1001] Referring to FIG. 129, a signal processing component(s) 2518, such as, a filter, amplifier, or switch, may be integrated into the transmission line 2512, or at some point between the signal source connection pins 2516 and the SRR antenna 2508. In the exemplary embodiment, the signal processing component 2518 is a band-pass filter to facilitate desired signal processing, such as, allowing only the exemplary frequency to be transmitted to the antenna, and rejecting frequencies outside that range. In the exemplary embodiment, a Compline band-pass filter 2518 may be included in the transmission line 2512 between the antenna and the signal source. However in other embodiments, any other signal processing device, for example, but not limited to, filters, amplifiers, or any other signal processing devices known in the art.

[1002] In various embodiments, a SRR antenna 2508 may be composed of metallic bodies capable of resonating on a flexible or rigid substrate. As shown in FIG. 128 and FIG. 129, the exemplary embodiment incorporates a curved SRR antenna on a flexible Polyimide substrate 2520. Polyimide may be the exemplary material because it tends to be more flexible than alternative substrates. This configuration may allow for simplified integration into circular-shaped devices (such as a wirelessly controlled medical infusion apparatus 2514), devices with irregular-shaped external housing, or devices in which saving space is paramount.

[1003] In various embodiments, both control unit 2522 and base unit 2514 may incorporate a split SRR antenna 2508. This configuration may prove beneficial where the control unit is meant to be handheld, in close proximity to human skin, or is likely to be in close proximity to a varying number of materials with varying dielectric constants.

[1004] In various other embodiments, a SRR antenna 2508 may be integrated into a human or animal limb replacement. As prosthetic limbs are becoming more sophisticated the electrical systems developed to control and simulate muscle movements require much more wiring and data transfer among subsystems. Wireless data transfer within a prosthetic limb may reduce weight through reduced physical wiring, conserve space, and allow greater freedom of movement. However, common antennas in such a system may be susceptible to dielectric loading. Similar to the previously mentioned benefits of integrating a SRR antenna 2508 into a wirelessly controlled medical infusion apparatus, a prosthetic limb, such as a robotic arm, may also come into contact with human skin or other dielectric materials and benefit from the reduction of electrical disturbances associated with such an antenna. In other various embodiments, the SRR antenna 2508 may be integrated into any device comprised of the electrical components capable of powering and transmitting/receiving data to an antenna and susceptible to electrical disturbances associated with proximity to dielectric materials.

[1005] In various embodiments, a SRR antenna 2508 may be integrated into a configuration of medical components in which one or more implantable medical devices, operating within the human body, communicate wirelessly to a handheld, body-mounted, or remote control unit. In certain embodiments, both body-mounted and in-body wireless devices may utilize a SRR antenna 2508 for wireless communication. Additionally, one or more of the components

utilizing a SRR antenna 2508 may be completely surrounded by human skin, tissue or other dielectric material. By way of example, such a configuration may be used in conjunction with a heart monitoring/control system where stability and consistency of wireless data transmission are of fundamental concern.

[1006] In various other embodiments, a SRR antenna 2508 may be integrated into the embodiments of the infusion pump assembly. In some embodiments, the SRR antenna 2508 may be integrated into a configuration of medical components in which one or more electrical sensors positioned on, or attached to, the human body wirelessly communicate to a remote transceiving unit. By way of example, a plurality of electrodes positioned on the body may be coupled to a wireless unit employing a SRR antenna 2508 for wireless transmission to a remotely located electrocardiogram machine. By way of further example, a wireless temperature sensor in contact with human skin may employ SRR antenna 2508 for wireless communication to a controller unit for temperature regulation of the room in which the sensor resides.

System for Verification of Volume and Pumping

[1007] Infusion pump therapy includes volume and time specifications. The amount of fluid dispensed together with the dispense timing are two critical factors of infusion pump therapy. As discussed in detail below, the infusion pump apparatus and systems shown and described herein provide for a method of dispensing fluid together with a device, system and method for measuring the amount of fluid dispensed. However, in a circumstance where the calibration and precision of the measurement device calibration is critical, there are advantages to determining any compromise in the precision of the measurement device as soon as possible. Thus, there are advantages to off-board verification of volume and pumping.

[1008] As shown in the figures, the disposable assembly includes a reservoir for holding the infusible fluid for pumping. There are various methods and devices for filling the reservoir with infusible fluid, many embodiments are discussed above. An additional embodiment and system for both verifying the volume of fluid filled in the reservoir and verifying the integrity of the pumping system is discussed below.

[1009] In one embodiment, a weight scale is used to determine the volume of fluid filled into the disposable and may also be used for verification by comparing the before-use volume with the after-use volume of the disposable. In some embodiments, this is accomplished by weighing the disposable before and after reservoir filling is complete. In some embodiments, the weight scale may be reset to zero) (i.e., tared) to the disposable prior to filling. In other embodiments, a weight may be taken before the fill and afterwards. In some embodiments, a processor may calculate the weight of the fluid filled and correlate the weight to a volume of fluid. In some embodiments, the display on the scale may automatically display the volume of fluid that has been filled in the reservoir. The method of filling may be any discussed above, or an automatic fill, as discussed below. In addition, in some embodiment, a pre-filled reservoir may be used and thus, filling is not necessary, rather, the weight would be taken prior to loading the reservoir and after reservoir loading.